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WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza warned today against proposals to leave small cities out of future Federal revenue sharing plans.

In a statement in the House of Representatives, the Congressman noted that small cities in the 15th Congressional District have problems proportionately as severe as those of the great metropolitan areas. He rejected the contention that small cities do not face social, economic and physical rehabilitation problems similar to those of big cities.

"Such categorical programs as the Housing and Community Development Act, the Comprehensive Education and Training Act, the Rural Development Act and other legislation fall short of meeting the needs of small cities," Rep de la Garza declared.

"There is evidence," he added, "that these facts are beginning to be recognized even among many former proponents of the revenue sharing program.

"Mayors and other officials of small cities are awakening to the realization that their communities have been short-changed. Proposals to eliminate small cities from legislation to extend Federal revenue sharing beyond 1976 would complete the process. I oppose such proposals and will do my utmost to help defeat them."